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2012/13 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCMENT

Sitka.... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska during the 2012/13 season:

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 15, 2012:

District 13:

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait – (Subdistricts 113-62, 63, 64, 65, and 66).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 15, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 16, 2012:

District 1:

Tree Point – (Subdistricts 101-10, 11);

West Behm Canal – (Subdistricts 101-90 and 101-95);

District 2:

Lower Clarence Strait – (Subdistrict 102-20);

Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm – (Subdistrict 102-60);

Cleveland Peninsula – (Subdistrict 102-80);

District 3:

Long Island and upper Cordova Bay – (Subdistricts 103-21 and 30);

Hetta Inlet, Nutkwa Inlet, and Keete Inlet – (Subdistricts 103-23 and 25);

San Christoval Channel, western San Alberto Bay, and Trocadero Bay – (Subdistricts 103-60 and 103-70-002);

District 6:

Snow Pass – (Subdistrict 106-30);

Districts 5 and 9:

Port Camden – (Subdistricts 109-43 and 105-32);

District 12:

Chatham Strait and Kelp Bay – (Subdistricts 112-11, 21, and 22);

Eastern portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-41, 42);

Western portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48).

Please be aware that Thursday, October 18, Alaska Day is a State holiday and the Fish and Game offices will be closed. For a description of the above areas please refer to the September 14, 2012 sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHL's. The next news release following this opening will be available on the afternoon of Friday, October 19, 2012.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2012.

2012-2013 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery									
	Statistical	Harvest to	Remaining						
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	Date (lbs)	GHL					
Tree Point	101-10,11	150,100	62,622	87,478					
Percy Islands	101-25	90,600	104,034	CLOSED					
West Behm	101-90,95	85,100	9,921	75,179					
Clarence Strait	102-20	45,700	-	45,700					
Kasaan Bay/Skowl Arm	102-60	382,000	208,539	173,461					
Cleveland Pennisula	102-80	24,300	-	24,300					
Long Is./Cordova Bay	103-21,30	48,300	-	48,300					
Hetta/Nutkwa Inlet	103-23,25	155,000	***	***					
San Christoval/Trocadero	103-60,70-002	61,500	14,079	47,421					
Snow Pass	106-30	189,900	97,807	92,093					
Port Camden	109-43,105-32	14,900	***	***					
Chatham/Kelp Bay	112-11,21,22	69,600	***	***					
E. Tenakee Inlet	112-41,42	35,700	22,223	13,477					
W. Tenakee Inlet	112,43-48	68,300	26,495	41,805					
Salisbury/Peril Strait	113-62-66	55,000	48,667	6,333					
Totals		1,476,000	605,925	870,075					

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